

## Coming Home

### Family Housing opens new apartments

**J**anuary 1 signals the beginning of students moving into the new Georgia

Tech Family Housing apartments on Tenth Street.

Named alphabetically, the seven buildings range in size from 29 apartments (B) to 153 apartments (A). Buildings A through G are scheduled to open on a building per building basis, starting with Building D and G (both two-bedroom buildings, Jan. 1) and then Building A (one-bedrooms) on Feb. 1.

The remainder of the buildings will continue their move-in availability as construction is completed spring semester.

Filled with amenities, including washers/dryers, microwave ovens, 109-channel cable television, high speed Internet connectivity plus electricity, water/sewage and phone service, the apartments also have resources other Atlanta apart-

ments do not.

"There are just some things that you cannot create," said Maz Kosma, community director, Family Housing. "They are because they are."

"Location is one of those things," he continued. "Our new Family Housing apartments are on the Georgia Tech campus and that makes these apartments special to our students who are seeking community with others like themselves."

Students agree.

Ricardo Campbell (graduate student, Physics) and wife Lataunynia (undergraduate, Building Construction) moved out of the Callaway apartments when those apartments were demolished, making way for the new Family Housing. The Campbells are now back on campus.

"We decided to move back early," Ricardo said. "We had



**"To be able to come home to an environment where others are doing the same things you are doing makes it nice," said Lataunynia Campbell (left), Building Construction major, and fellow Georgia Tech student and husband Ricardo Campbell, graduate student, Physics.**

planned to move back at the end of our current lease, but there were a lot of issues."

"Campus living is more convenient," he said. "The convenience of having the school nearby and one bill [rent, utilities, etc.] versus three or four different bills is better."

When asked how they felt about moving back to the cam-

pus, Lataunynia replied, "[Family Housing] is a place where students with families' unique living situations are understood and our support systems are maximized."

"[It's like] coming home."

Family Housing is accepting applications for these apartments now at [www.tenthandhome.gatech.edu](http://www.tenthandhome.gatech.edu).

## It's your option

### Options Classes for spring

**W**ant to have fun, enrich your life, meet new people and learn something too?

Enroll in one of the more than 70 Student Center Options Classes offered each semester.

Divided into nine categories (Arts and Crafts, Career Services Workshops, Counseling Center Workshops, Finance, Dance, Language, Music, Personal Development and Recreation), Georgia Tech students, faculty and staff may enroll in the one-day-per-week

classes, studying such topics as Portuguese for Beginners, Business Etiquette, Inline Skating 101, Portrait Painting and the list goes on and on.

"You can learn basic conversational skills in at least six different languages each term," said Cara Skeat, associate program director, Student Center.

For those with special events in their future that might include dancing, Options has those classes too.

"We offer 20 classes in ballroom, swing, break dancing and belly dancing," Skeat said.

Class sizes are dependent on the necessary teacher to student ratio. Prices are based on instructors' fees.

Registration for spring classes begins Wednesday, Jan. 12, and

may be completed on-line or in person at the Student Center Box Office.

For information on spring Options Classes, visit [www.fun.gatech.edu/options](http://www.fun.gatech.edu/options).

**"I never got to take art in high school" said Rachel Smith (freshman, Architecture) in the Student Center Craft Center. "I looked the Options Classes up on-line and I'm taking Photography or Pottery [Spring Semester]."**



## News Bulletin

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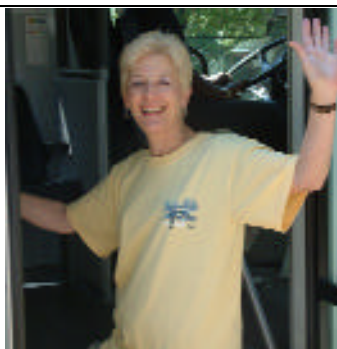
Seeing the completion of a construction project is an exciting time. Watching the Family Housing apartments go from 50-year-old dwellings to modern, efficient living spaces in the span of a year and a half is truly exciting and rewarding.

It is fun for us in Auxiliary Services and especially Housing to watch students select their own apartments. With the buildings finishing in phases, we can let students pick where they prefer to live, first floor for some, fourth floor for others and the one-bedroom building (A) up to seven floors.

Everybody has their preferences and we are happy we can accommodate in these early stages as the buildings are finished.

When all the apartments are filled and the only rooms we have available are those that become vacant when students graduate, we will have to assign spaces but not now. As each building goes on-line, we are letting students pick their apartments.

Here's a chart on the size of the buildings.



Building A - 153 one-bedroom  
Building B - 29 two-bedroom  
Building C - 54 two-bedroom  
Building D - 34 two-bedroom  
Building E - 33 two bedroom  
Building F - 52 two bedroom  
Building G - 39 two-bedroom

Family Housing is accepting applications for these apartments at [www.tenthandhome.gatech.edu](http://www.tenthandhome.gatech.edu).

Even as we are finishing this project, we are beginning another. The four-story Folk Residence Hall begins renovation in January.

Folk will become the third residence hall renovation which includes carpeted bedrooms and an upgrade in the heating and air conditioning system that gives students thermostats in their rooms.

A total renovation, Folk opens in fall 2005 with all new carpet, paint and furniture.

In addition to new facilities, Auxiliary Services added a couple of services of note too.

Parking & Transportation introduced its new, easy-to-remember telephone numbers. For Parking, call 5-PARK (7275).

For Transportation questions, call 5-RIDE (7433).

When confronted with a question, sometimes it is easier and more convenient to remember a word than a string of numbers.

Parking & Transportation agreed and added these numbers so that customers can contact its departments quicker.

Health Services' on-line scheduling is a hit as well.

I am happy to report that Health Services recorded 25 percent more services in the first quarter this fiscal year (July, Aug., Sept.) from the previous quarter (April, May, June) and also showed a 15 percent decrease in patients failing to cancel appointments.

We attribute much of these statistics to students taking advantage of the quick, convenient on-line appointment scheduling at [www.myappointment.health.gatech.edu](http://www.myappointment.health.gatech.edu).

So, you can go on-line to register for the Family Housing apartments and to schedule Health Services' appointments and when you need to call, just remember 5-PARK; 5-RIDE!

## "Georgia Tech, mark your calendars!"

### JANUARY

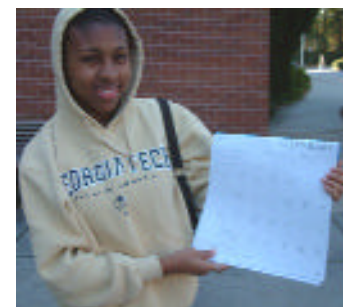
- Family Housing welcomes students into its Tenth Street Building D and G apartments.
- Options Classes registration is Jan. 12 - Feb. 2 (\$5 late fee assessed on registrations completed Jan. 31, Feb. 1, 2).
- Impact Scholarship application announcement on-line Friday, Jan. 21, at [www.importantstuff.gatech.edu](http://www.importantstuff.gatech.edu).

### FEBRUARY

- Family Housing welcomes students into its Tenth Street Building A apartments.

### MARCH

- Remaining Family Housing apartment buildings complete and already for occupancy.



**Courtney Murray (freshman, Electrical & Computer Engineering) plans for spring semester as she looks at the January calendar.**

## Your Money

### Printing in the Commons

The Student Center Commons and the Office of Information Technology (OIT) teamed together to offer 24-hour copying services to students, faculty and staff.

Conveniently located in the Commons' central hallway across from Einstein Bros., the Student Center Commons Copy Center provides self-service color (\$.69 per page) and black and white copies (\$.08 per

page).

BuzzCard accessible, customers may also pay with credit cards (VISA and MasterCard).

An attendant is available Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., selling report covers, colored paper, envelopes and other copying items.

Report bindings and fax services can be purchased during the attendant hours.

For a price quotation, call 404-385-6467.



**Alecia Waye (junior, Industrial Engineering) looks at the services offered by the Student Center Commons Copy Center.**



# Georgia Tech alumna joins Health Services

**G**ot a big test and no time to study for it? The idea is to pull an all-nighter, finish the daytime commitments, drink lots of caffeine and study into the wee hours of the morning.

Not necessarily a good idea, said Jennifer Fortner, M.D. (Health Services psychiatrist), who, like other students, did just that.

"Around two or three in the morning I thought I was having a heart attack," Fortner said.

"It was one of the worst feelings I've ever had."

"I didn't know it at the time but I was having a panic attack," she added.

She attributes this episode to stress, one of the common problems she sees in college students.

"In general the type problems that college students bring are problems with depression, anxiety, and often getting stressed out due to the demands of their course work," Fortner said.

Fortner avoided future panic attacks by evaluating her time and planning ahead.

"I don't know if staying up all night and cramming for a test will help you perform any better," she said. "Study for what you have time and get a good night's sleep."

Some Georgia Institute of Technology students might think Fortner is not in tune with the rigors of a school like Georgia Tech, but then those students would be wrong.

An aerospace engineer graduate of the Georgia Tech class of 1994, Fortner was part of the dual degree program between Oglethorpe University (Atlanta) and Georgia Tech.

"I was supposed to take three years of courses at Oglethorpe and then two at Tech," Fortner said.

"But because of Advanced Placement (AP) classes I took in high school, I finished my requirements [at Oglethorpe] early and then came to Tech," she said.

## Career Change

With a brother already an aerospace engineer and a grandfather who had worked for the Air Force, Fortner thought her good skills in math and enjoyment of art would give her a good basis for an aerospace engineer career.

"Early in college I decided that aerospace engineering was where I wanted to go," Fortner said.

"I did a summer internship at NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration), which I enjoyed, but I wasn't as fulfilled as I hoped I would be. I really wanted to do something where I had more interaction with people and felt like I was giving back more," she said.

Returning to Tech, Fortner added premed classes to her curriculum.

"When I decided to do premed also, it took me a little longer [than planned] and I finished at Tech after two and a half years," she said.

## Family Practice

After years of school and more to come, Fortner took a year between Tech and medical college, learning the business side of medicine working in an outpatient surgical facility in the business office.

"I dealt with insurance companies," she said.

It was during her four years at the University of Miami Medical School that she decided on psychiatry.

"I had planned to be a family doctor but found I was really drawn to psychiatric patients," Fortner said.

"I found them the most interesting people to talk to

and I liked the fact that I had a lot more time to spend with them than if I was a family doctor. That's what really drew me to [psychiatry]."

## Students

It was during her four-year residency at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center when she first worked with college students.

"I got to work at Wake Forest University in their Student Health Department for a year," Fortner said.

"I really enjoyed that and I worked with a professor who had worked in Student Health for a significant period of time and he really enjoyed it too."

"I liked it because the patients are well educated, intelligent and interested in getting help," she added.

"Also I was meeting them obviously early in their lives and I felt like I had a better chance to make an impact on them."

## Georgia Tech

Fortner brings with her more than medical experience, especially for Georgia Tech students. When discussing the challenges of course studies and involvement she said, "I've been there; I know how it is."

"Transitioning to college life can be challenging for some people," she said.

"Students who have been the best and brightest in their [high school] classes can find their course work much more challenging."

"Some find themselves going from being the best to suddenly being in the middle of the group even though that middle is the cream of the crop."

"It may be an adjustment and sometimes hard to get used to that feeling."

## Involvement

Becoming involved in clubs



**THE DOCTOR IS IN.** Dr. Jennifer Fortner, psychiatrist, joined the Georgia Tech Health Services staff in October. She works a long day on Mondays (8 a.m.-6 p.m.), giving students options on psychiatry office hours.

and organizations can help students.

"It's important to have a lot of different interests and activities in order to stay happy," Fortner said.

"Students very easily get bogged down with the responsibility they have in school and feel like they can't possibly go to any sporting event or exercise or join any clubs."

"Sometimes students need to force themselves to take some downtime otherwise they will become overwhelmed and stressed."

## Downtime

A wife and mother, Fortner spends her downtime with her family. She also enjoys hiking, gardening and reading "all kinds of books."

How does she analyze her day?

"I get a real sense of fulfillment in helping people."

## Did you know...

- **GT Dining** has printable Internet coupons on its web site. Check it out at [www.gatechdining.com](http://www.gatechdining.com) or cruise there from your favorite web site, [www.ImportantStuff.gatech.edu](http://www.ImportantStuff.gatech.edu).
- **Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech** is having its annual Campus Appreciation Sale Monday, Nov. 29 through Friday, Dec. 3. Show your BuzzCard for the 20 percent discount.
- **Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech** offers students an easy, convenient way to order textbooks. When registering for classes on the Banner web site, look for the red link on the Registration page "**Reserve or Order your course textbooks from Georgia Tech's Barnes & Noble bookstore.**" Order when registering for classes, pay by credit card and pick up books at the bookstore. Quick, easy, convenient!
- **Two Technology Square** merchants offer 10 percent discounts when showing your **BuzzCard**. Ray's N.Y. Pizza/Cedars Mediterranean gives 10 percent discount on everything (excluding alcohol). Khao Specialty Foods offers 10 percent off to students.
- **Student Center Tech Rec** is selling spring \*Frequent Player Cards. Early Bird rates go through Tuesday, Nov. 30. Standard Frequent Bowling Card gives unlimited free bowling anytime before 5pm Tech Rec is open. Shoes are included! Premium Bowling Card gives unlimited free bowling ANYTIME Tech Rec is open. Shoes are included! Frequent Networked Gaming Card gives free X-Box anytime Tech Rec is open. \*May not be used during group rentals, subject to availability, and may not be combined with any other discount.

	Card Renewal	Early Bird	Jan '05
Prem Bowling	\$ 80.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 90.00
Stan. Bowling	\$ 55.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 65.00
Pool Discount	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00
Netwkd Gaming	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00



Andrew Howard (senior, computer science), president, Resident Hall Association, looks through books, thinking how he might spend a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card. The first three Georgia Tech students to answer the following question correctly win a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card. Which new Family Housing buildings are opening first and what is the earliest date students are scheduled to move in to these apartments? E-mail your answer to [melissa.moore@aux.gatech.edu](mailto:melissa.moore@aux.gatech.edu).



**DAVID PROPHITT MOVES.** *The Buzz* salutes David Prophitt (program coordinator, Community Services) for his work with the Georgia Tech MOVE Office (Mobilizing Opportunity for Volunteer Experience) and especially Georgia Tech's Relay for Life program as he MOVES to the American Cancer Society to become the Relay for Life State Manager. See you back on campus in April at Georgia Tech's Relay for Life, David! Pictured here with Sally Hammock (associate director, Student Center), David is wearing his CNBSeen commemorative sunglasses from the Student Center Commons Grand Opening.

## Extra! Read all about it!

Don't forget to look for the Impact Scholarship application on-line at [www.ImportantStuff.gatech.edu](http://www.ImportantStuff.gatech.edu), beginning Friday, Jan. 21. Auxiliary Services awards \$3,000 scholarships to 10 students selected for making a positive **Impact** on the Georgia Tech community. The selection process is based on essays describing the **Impact**, letters of recommendation and an interview process for the finalists.

## The Buzz Contest Winners

Jonathan Chiew (below, l-r), freshman, aerospace engineering; Ayan Kishore, junior, computer engineering; and Hitesh Kanwathirtha, junior, computer science, were the first three students to correctly answer *The Buzz* summer issue contest,, when BuzzCard on-line account management will be available.

